

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled).

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): A push belt for a continuously variable transmission comprising at least one transverse element, the at least one transverse element comprising:  
a supporting surface for supporting a carrier of the push belt;  
a pulley sheave contact surface which is destined to abut against a contact surface of a pulley sheave of a pulley of the continuously variable transmission;  
a transition edge region which is connected to the supporting surface on a first side, and which is connected to the pulley sheave contact surface on a second side, and which comprises a concave portion, in a plane perpendicular to a circumferential direction of the push belt;

wherein the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element comprises a distance surface, which is connected to the pulley sheave contact surface of the at least one transverse element on an exterior side, through a convex rounded off surface, and which is connected to the concave portion of the transition edge region on an interior side; and

~~The push belt according to claim 2,~~ wherein the distance surface of the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element is substantially flat, and wherein the distance surface extends substantially parallel to the supporting surface of the at least one transverse element.

4. (canceled).

5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended): A push belt for a continuously variable transmission comprising at least one transverse element, the at least one transverse element comprising:  
a supporting surface for supporting a carrier of the push belt;  
a pulley sheave contact surface which is destined to abut against a contact surface of

a pulley sheave of a pulley of the continuously variable transmission;

a transition edge region which is connected to the supporting surface on a first side, and which is connected to the pulley sheave contact surface on a second side, and which comprises a concave portion, in a plane perpendicular to a circumferential direction of the push belt; and

~~The push belt according to claim 1,~~ wherein the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element comprises a convexly curved transition surface, which is connected to the supporting surface of the at least one transverse element on ~~a first~~ an interior side, and which is connected to the concave portion of the transition edge region on ~~a second~~ an exterior side.

7. (currently amended): A push belt for a continuously variable transmission comprising at least one transverse element, the at least one transverse element comprising:

a supporting surface for supporting a carrier of the push belt;

a pulley sheave contact surface which is destined to abut against a contact surface of a pulley sheave of a pulley of the continuously variable transmission;

a transition edge region which is connected to the supporting surface on a first side, and which is connected to the pulley sheave contact surface on a second side, and which comprises a concave portion, in a plane perpendicular to a circumferential direction of the push belt;

wherein the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element comprises a distance surface, which is connected to the pulley sheave contact surface of the at least one transverse element on an exterior side, through a convex rounded off surface, and which is connected to the concave portion of the transition edge region on an interior side; and

~~The push belt according to claim 2,~~ wherein the transition edge region of the at least one transverse element comprises a convexly curved transition surface, which is connected to the supporting surface of the at least one transverse element on ~~a first~~ an interior side, and which is connected to the concave portion of the at least one transverse element on ~~a second side~~ an exterior side.

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).